receipt of information of the existence of plague in Kunnamkulam;

(b) on which date did the authorities detect the existence of plague in Kunnamkulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— (a) The Director of Public Health visited Kunnamkulam on 8th January 1935.

(b) 28th January 1935.

342. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what they did to verify their suspicion;

(b) to which authority was reference made on this behalf and with what result;

(c) when was the reference answered and how?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Smears were taken from the gland and liver of the patients who died of this disease and examined at the laboratories of the General Hospital, Ernakulam and of the King Institute, Guindy.

(b) The Director, King Institute, Guindy Bacillus Pestis were found to be present.

(c) 28th January 1935. Results were found positive.

343. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if representations were not made to the Government for declaring Kunnamkulam to be plague-affected;

(b) when was the earliest of such representations received by the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (a) Yes, one representation was received.

(b) On 8th February 1935.

344. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Medical Officer and the Director of Public Health did not visit Kunnamkulam on 12th Makaram 1110;

(b) whether on that date they did not come across two cases of plague in Kunnamkulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Yes.

(b) They came across two suspected cases of fever the diagnosis of which could be finally made only after bacteriological examination.

345. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the delay in declaring Kunnamkulam plague-affected due to;

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